Marc Elrich, County Executive   Catherine Matthews, Director
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July 3, 2019

Holiday Schedule for Independence Day

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Independence Day, Thursday, July 4:

County Offices – closed;

Libraries - closed;

Department of Liquor Control retail stores - all stores open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Recreation – Aquatics programs and facilities open. The Germantown Indoor Swim Center closes at 3 p.m. All other pools close at 6 p.m. All recreation centers, senior centers and administrative offices are closed;

Montgomery Parks - visit www.MontgomeryParks.org;

Ride On – operates on a Saturday schedule;

Metrorail and Metrobus – Information available at www.wmata.com;

TRiPS Commuter Store (Silver Spring) – open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Residents and visitors are encouraged to stop by the store on their way to the Independence Day festivities to get trip planning information and buy or replenish their SmarTrip cards, including Senior SmarTrip cards;

TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store – closed;

County-provided refuse/recycling pickup - No County-provided collection services will occur on this day. After the holiday, all County-provided recycling and trash collections will slide and be one day later than normal with the last pickup on Saturday;

Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station - entire facility closed;

Parking at garages, lots, curbside meters -free; and

State offices and courts – closed.

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Germantown Glory!

Montgomery County Recreation will host two Independence Day fireworks displays on Thursday, July 4. The Independence Day celebrations will take place at the following locations:

- **Germantown Glory, at 7 p.m.**, at South Germantown Recreational Park, located at 18041 Central Park Circle in Germantown (Boyds).

- **Mid-County Sparkles, at 7:30 p.m.**, at Albert Einstein High School, located at 11135 Newport Road in Kensington.

  The fireworks displays will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. at both celebrations. See the press release for more information.

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MDOT SHA to CLOSE NORTHBOUND I-270 IN ROCKVILLE FOR OVERNIGHT PAVING BEGINNING JULY 7

Overnight Detours in Effect; Work Part of I-270 Innovative Congestion Management Project

Beginning Sunday, July 7, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) will close the two right express lanes and the two local lanes on northbound I-270 between I-495 (Capital Beltway) and MD 28 (W. Montgomery Avenue) to complete paving operations. The work is expected to be complete by July 17.

The closures will take place Sunday nights through Friday mornings between 10pm and 4am. Additionally, the northbound I-270 ramps to Montrose Road and MD 189 (Falls Road) will be closed and detours will be in place. Three express lanes will be available for travel on northbound I-270. Motorists are encouraged to use MD 355 (Rockville Pike/Hungerford Drive) as an alternate route to avoid overnight delays.

For information on the project, click here or here.

Stay alert and look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highway workers. Slow down and don't follow too closely. Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands. For a list of all major MDOT SHA projects, click on Road Ready, MDOT SHA's electronic construction brochure. For a look at real-time commute conditions, log onto md511.maryland.gov. or read the press release at https://www.roads.maryland.gov/pages/release.aspx?newsId=3418

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A Reminder for
Community Use of Schools, Community Centers Local Park, and Government Facilities

General reservation requests for use of artificial turf fields at schools from August 16 through November 30 will be accepted beginning at 8:30am on July 15.

Please visit the CUPF resources web page for the reservation request form. Online reservations via ActiveMONTGOMERY are not applicable.

If you have questions, email the office at cupf@montgomerycountymd.gov or call customer service at 240-777-2725.

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Take the survey!

Montgomery County Launches 2019 Online Resident Survey

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich wants residents to know the County has launched an online survey to gauge residents' assessment of their local government, its services and their quality of life. The 2019 Resident Survey was mailed to 5,000 randomly selected County households in the first week of June, and residents who did not receive the questionnaire in the mail are invited and encouraged to participate online at https://bit.ly/2019mcmd.

The online survey for all residents will be open for a three-week period, from June 28 to July 19 and can be taken in English, Spanish, or Chinese. Households who received the randomly selected mailed survey, but have not yet completed and returned it, are asked to use their mailed survey not the link above.

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Public Hearing on Bill #18-19 Landlord Tenant Relations-Relocation Expenses

Improving health and safety for tenants
Tuesday, July 16   1:30pm
Third Floor Hearing Room
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD 20850

The Council Agenda is subject to change any time after printing or during the Council meeting.
Please contact the Council Office or visit the website to obtain updates.

During the June 25th County Council session, a bill was introduced to help renters in the county if their housing is condemned or unfit for human habitation. Bill 18-19 Landlord Tenant Relations-Relocation Expenses would require landlords to pay relocation expenses for tenants in condemned housing – and, once the housing is repaired, to provide those tenants with the "right of first refusal" to re-occupy.

You can sign up here to testify. The deadline to sign up to testify for 1:30 hearings is 5:00pm the day before the hearing, and for 7:30 hearings the deadline is 10:00am the day of the hearing.

Speakers are requested to bring 15 copies of their testimony to the hearing, and to provide a written copy 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Email to County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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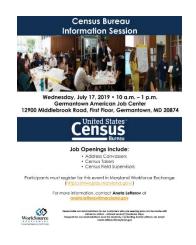
The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring!
Census Bureau Information Session
Wednesday, July 17   10:00am – 1:00pm
Germantown American Job Center
Upcounty Regional Services Center, Suite 1100
12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown

The United States Census Bureau is seeking to hire for several positions including:

- Census Takers

- Address Canvassers

- Census Field Supervisors

Register for this event in the Maryland Workforce Exchange

*For more information, contact **Aneta Lefterov** at **aneta.lefterov@maryland.gov***

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K-12 student residents ride *FREE* on Ride On Bus

Effective July 1, 2019, K-12 student residents can ride any Ride On bus free by showing their school ID or Youth Cruiser SmarTrip card to the bus operator. Youth Cruiser SmarTrip cards can be obtained at any County library, the Silver Spring TRiPS store, the mobile commuter store, select schools, and the Treasury office, if you bring proper identification for the child. See www.RideOnBus.com for additional information on the Kids Ride Free program.

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Business Connect Initiative
Piloting at the Upcounty Regional Services Center
Business Connect is comprised of Classes, Counseling and Connections!

County Executive Marc Elrich has identified "A Growing Economy" as a priority of his administration. One way to support the business community is through the *Business Connect* initiative which will distribute business services equitably throughout the County. This program is piloting at the Upcounty Regional Services Center and is expected to expand to all five regional services centers by the end of Fiscal Year 2020 (June 30, 2020).

Partnering with business resource partners, *Business Connect* offers training on general business topics such as business planning, marketing and financial strategies. County-specific trainings on processes and services such as procurement and permitting will be scheduled as well.

Business Connect is also hosting one-on-one counseling sessions by appointment. Experienced consultants work with businesses on targeted topics to meet individual business needs.

The County Executive is making resources available in the regional areas to connect businesses to resources, help navigate County processes and facilitate interactions with County departments.

Visit the Montgomery County Business Portal for additional business information and a calendar of upcoming training and workshops. https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/biz-resources/business-services.html

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Montgomery County Dockless Vehicle Pilot Program Expansion

Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) expansion of the dockless vehicle pilot program is underway. The pilot program now includes e-bikes and e-scooters and has been expanded to include two service areas, East and West County. Additional areas of the County may be approved at the conclusion of the current pilot program.

A map of the expanded pilot program can be found HERE.

Please provide feedback about both the current pilot program and the possible expansion of the program to other parts of Montgomery County.

To take the scooter survey and more

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AHCMC is Creating an Artist Roster for Wall Project

The Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) is creating a roster of artists who will be pre-qualified to be considered for commissions on walls in the County. They are seeking muralists, as well as artists who work in mosaic, tile, low-relief and other installation media that are suitable for temporary or permanent installation on exterior walls.

Artists chosen for inclusion in the Artist Roster for Wall Projects (Roster) will be eligible to be considered for a variety of current and future opportunities being facilitated by AHCMC.

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Joint Statement from County Executive Marc Elrich and Council President Nancy Navarro on Immigrant Support

Montgomery County values its diverse community that is made up of people from a variety of backgrounds, cultures and nations. We want to assure our residents that the County will continue to be a welcoming community for all... *Full statement*

Please share this with your network, neighbors, and family that may need it:

Know Your Rights Information and Immigration Legal Services in Montgomery County, MD and Vicinity

If you are a victim of an immigration raid or know of a raid in the area, call CASA de Maryland's ICE Emergency 24/7 hotline at: 240-650-1012 or **1-866-678-2272**.

In case of an ICE raid or emergency, or if you want a trained group of volunteers to go with you to an ICE check-in or immigration court, call Sanctuary DMV's ICE Emergency Hotline at: 202-335-1183. (See flyer (in English and Spanish) for more information.)

If you know someone in ICE detention who needs information or assistance, call the CAIR Coalition at: **202-331-3329. (**See flyer (English) (Spanish) for more information**.)**

Call United We Dream's national hotline at: 1-844-363-1423 to report ICE activity.

Click here for a flyer (English) (Spanish) containing all Emergency Hotline information.

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Department of Recreation   http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec
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Department of Permitting Services https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dps
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships   https://montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships
Commission for Women   https://montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw
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